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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Applicants note that the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 12, 2004 has been acknowledged by the Examiner. Applicants request, however, that the Examiner send the initialed Form 1449 for this Information Disclosure Statement.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-11, 15 and 16 are allowed, claims 12-14 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. patent no. 6,816,904 to Ludwig et al. This ground for rejection is overcome by amending claim 12 to recite the step of "sensing an infrared (IR) command signal from the remote control transmitter".

Basis for this amendment may be found in claims 1 and 5. Claim 5 recites that "the remote control receiver includes an infrared receiver", and would thus receive "[infrared] command and control signals from the remote control transmitter", as recited in claim 1. With regard to amended claim 12, Ludwig et al. nowhere teach nor disclose transmission and/or reception of infrared command signals. Each workstation in Ludwig et al. comprises a conventional desktop based computer system. (Col. 10, lines 57). The workstations do not sense or directly receive IR signals. The present invention is capable of remote operation of the computer at the second location by an infrared transmitter at the first location, thereby allowing mobility not provided by Ludwig et al.'s wired workstation system.

Because Ludwig et al. do not disclose or suggest the limitations of claim 12, claim 12 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Ludwig et al. Claims 13-14 depend from claim 12. Accordingly, claims 13-14 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Ludwig et al.


Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-11, 15 and 16.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 12-14.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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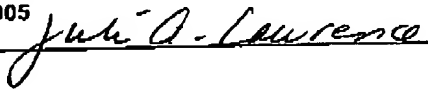
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